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California State Parks joins Keep California Beautiful Month, April 2001, with cleanup projects statewide

SACRAMENTO - California State Parks is joining other state and federal agencies and a host of corporations to participate in the seventh annual Keep California Beautiful Month, April 2001. Thousands of volunteers across the state will participate in cleanup projects; many at state parks and beaches.

California State Parks Director Rusty Areias invites volunteers to join in this year's cleanup activities, including:

STATEWIDE – CALIFORNIA TRAIL DAYS – APRIL 21 & 22. Each year, volunteers spend tens of thousands of hours constructing, repairing, cleaning up, and enjoying trails at Trail Days celebrations statewide. For general information and northern California volunteer opportunities, call the California Trails Foundation toll-free at (530) 400-4309. For southern California opportunities, call the California Trails and Greenways Foundation at (949) 493-4222.

STATEWIDE – EARTH DAY 2001 RESTORATION AND CLEANUP (Saturday, April 21). The California State Parks Foundation encourages residents to become involved in projects designed to care for the state's threatened natural resources. This year a former oil drilling site will be restored as marshland, plus beach cleanups, inner-city tree planting, and an

underwater cleanup are among the 45 projects awarded funding from the California State Parks Foundation. For more information, contact (Mr.) Ro LoBianco at the Foundation at (888) 98-PARKS.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. On Saturday, April 21 **Mt. Diablo State Park** will have its fourth annual Earth Day park cleanup in conjunction with the California State Parks Foundation. There will be a number of projects, including trail maintenance and restoration of natural areas (removal of nonnative periwinkle and planting of native bluegrasses, snowberry, wild rose, monkey flower, big leaf maple, and California buckeye.) There will be pre-registration for volunteers. Also, on April 9, 11, 13, 16, 18 and 20, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., there will be Native plant restoration, trail repairs, and barbed wire removal projects at the park. For more information, call (925) 837-5245 or (925) 673-2891 or e-mail dmatthews@jps.net. Mt. Diablo State Park is five miles east of I-680, Danville, on Diablo Road.

ORANGE COUNTY. **Doheny State Beach** and **San Clemente State Beach** will have a number of Earth Day projects and activities: On Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., San Clemente State Beach will have a "Campfire Center Native Planting Project." Volunteers will decorate the new center with colorful and fragrant native plants. On Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to Noon, Doheny State Beach will have an "Earth Day 2001 Beach Cleanup," an annual event sponsored by the San Clemente Chapter Surfrider Foundation. Also on that Saturday, from 10 a.m. to Noon, Doheny State Beach will have a "Whale Painting Project," with volunteers painting a Minke Whale, creating awareness that these whales are being hunted worldwide. On Saturday, April 22, from Noon to 3 p.m., Doheny State Beach will have a "Native Tree Planting Project," planting Torrey Pines in the park. On Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to Noon, San Clemente State Beach will have an "Earth Day 2001 Beach Cleanup," getting the beach ready for summer. Also on Saturday, April 28, Doheny State Beach will have a "Volunteer Connection Day Beach Cleanup," an annual event sponsored by the Doheny State Beach Longboard Surfing Association. All vehicles entrance fees are waived for Earth Day projects. Volunteers are advised to bring working gloves. For more information, please call Vicki Wiker at (949) 366-8594. Doheny State Beach is located off Highway One at Dana Point

Harbor at Del Obispo Street. San Clemente State Beach is located at the south end of San Clemente on I-5.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY. California Citrus State Historic Park will have a tree planting project beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 28. Volunteers should meet in the picnic area and bring drinking water and gloves. For more information contact Ernesto Leija at (909) 780-6222. California Citrus State Historic Park is located in Riverside at 9400 Dufferin Avenue (Highway 91 Van Buren exit, one-mile east.)

SACRAMENTO COUNTY. There will be a cleanup event at **the Folsom Historic Powerhouse** from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 sponsored by California State Parks, the City of Folsom, and the State Parks Foundation. Volunteers will work on trail cleanups, rebuilding the old gates of the Powerhouse lost in a fire, and other projects. For more information, contact Derek Perez, with the City of Folsom, at (916) 355-7231, or Shana Avalos, California State Parks, at (916) 988-0205. The Historic Powerhouse is located within the Folsom City limits.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. Silverwood Lake Recreation Area will have a number of projects on Saturday, April 21. There will be park cleanup and trail maintenance at the park beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers should meet at the park visitor center and bring water, sunscreen, and a sack lunch. For information about the litter pickup, call Eddie Guaracha at (760) 389-2303. For information about the trail project, call Steve Williams at (760) 389-2303. Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area can be reached via Highway 138, 11 miles east of I-15, or 20 miles north of San Bernardino via Highways 18 and 38. Also on that Saturday, volunteers will staff a park exhibit at the Southern California Environmental Expo at California State University, San Bernardino from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY. On Saturday, April 21 **Candlestick Point State Recreation Area** will have projects to refurbish a community garden and plant native trees. Volunteers will plant pines and oaks, refurbish garden plots, and construct a composting system. For more information contact Ron Garrison at (415) 671-0145, extension #3. To reach

Candlestick Point State Recreation Area take 3Com Park exit from Highway 101 in San Francisco.

SAN MATEO COUNTY.

Año Nuevo State Reserve will have a one-day restoration project on Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the California State Park Foundation's Earth Day 2001 Restoration and Cleanup program. This event is cosponsored by California Nature Treks. Volunteers will help remove invasive plants that threaten the natural dune habitats of the Reserve, which is home and breeding grounds for a population of Northern elephant seals as well as habitat for birds, land mammals, and several plant communities. In addition to help restore the ecological balance of the reserve, volunteers will have an opportunity to see areas of the park that are normal off-limits to the public. Groups and families are welcome. Interested volunteers should call Gail Sevrens at (415) 330-6315 or e-mail at gsevr@parks.ca.gov. Año Nuevo is located 25 miles south of Half Moon Bay and 15 miles north of Santa Cruz, near the town of Pescadero. More information about the park is available at <http://parks.ca.gov/central/bayarea/ansr228.htm>

Half Moon Bay State Beach will have dune and beach plant restoration and cleanup projects from April 16 - 21 and April 23 - 27. Volunteers will plant native plants, including coyote bush, yellow bush lupine, coastal buckwheat, beach sagewort, lizard tail, gum plant and seaside daisy. For more information contact Marianne Kjobmand at (650) 726-8801. Half Moon Bay State Beach is located 0.5 mile west of Highway One on Kelly Avenue in Half Moon Bay.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. Refugio State Beach will have the third annual Underwater Park Clean up Day on Saturday, April 21. Scuba divers will meet and clean up trash underwater off shore followed by a barbecue. That evening, there will be a campfire program where all the collected trash will be on displayed prior to being recycled. For more information, call Danita Rodriguez at (805) 968-7192. Refugio State Beach is located 23 miles northwest of Santa Barbara on Highway 101.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY. On Saturday, April 21, beginning at 9 a.m., **Henry W. Coe State Park** will have a cleanup project to remove hazardous and unsightly barbed wire fences from the park. The interior (not boundary line) fences were once used as "drift fences" by cattlemen to contain cattle herds. Volunteers are urged to carpool to the park and work in small groups. Participants are also asked to wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and bring water and lunch. After the event, everyone is invited to stay for a swim in Pacheco Creek. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the Bell Station Gate to the park (five miles east of Casa de Fruta on Highway 152 Pacheco Pass Highway. For more information, call the park at (408) 848-4008.

For additional information about events throughout the state, call **1-800-CLEAN CA.**